(c) The National Informatics Centre (NIC) is providing E-Commerce Service for the NICNET in Customs Computerization Project and helping Central/State Governments in developing and implementing their E-Governance plans.

Modernization of Postal Services in A.P.

3003. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan for development and modernization of postal services in urban and rural areas of Andhra Pradesh during the year 2002-03;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated for expansion programme of postal services in urban and rural areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (c) For the development and modernization of postal services in urban and rural areas in the country, a number of activities and programmes are formulated under Five Year Plans, which are then implemented in successive Annual Plans. The details of the Annual Plan 2002-03 which are for the entire country are given in Statement (see below). The department does not draw up State-wise plans. On completion of necessary formalities, funds are allocated to different circles for development and modernisation of postal services.

Statement

Annual Plan (2002-03) - Financial Outlay

Sl. No.	Plan Scheme	Financial Outlay (Rs. in crores)
1	Expansion of postal network	3.41
2	Computerisation of post offices (installation of multi purpose counter machines), Accounts and	38.86

Sl. No.	Plan Scheme	Financial Outlay (Rs. in crores)
	administrative offices and software Development	
3	Computerisation and networking of Head Record Offices & Transit Mail Offices	13.32
4	Upgradation of customer care centres	11.57
5	Modernization & upgradation of Very Small Apperture Terminal (VSAT) system	0.75
6	Modernization of operative/working systems (Improving ergonomics)	5.54
7	Automatic mail processing centres	24.00
8	Mechanization/Modernization of mail movement	0.30
9	Modernization/upgradation of premium products	2.74
10	Upgradation and promotion of philately	0.84
11	Training	6.65
12	Construction of Buildings	28.00
13	Modernisation of circle stamp depots	0.26
14	Computerisation of international mail processing	1.26
15	National data centre	5.00
16	Research and development/studies/surveys	1.00
17	Establishment of express parcel post centres	0.50
18	e-post	0.50
19	e-Bill Post	0.50
20	New products and services including Development of financial products and services	5.00
	GRAND TOTAL	150.00

Future of Landline Telephones

3004. SHRI C. RAMCHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the implications of the increasing trend to acquire cellular phones;

(b) if so, what would be its impact on landline telephones in the next couple of years;